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*Reports from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports:

*Week ended October 3.*

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

Rats received .....	1, 305
Rats necropsied .....	1, 158
Plague rats found .....	1
Plague-infected rats to date .....	21
Vessels inspected .....	6
Vessels fumigated .....	7

*Examination of plague-infected rat.*

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, October 1, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

The rat delivered at the laboratory on September 26 [see Public Health Reports, October 9, 1908, page 1446] exhibited the gross lesions of plague and considerable numbers of plague-like bacilli in smears from the organs. A guinea pig was inoculated subcutaneously and a black and white rat cutaneously from the organs the same day. Both animals died September 30. In both cases the lesions were typical of plague, and plague-like bacilli were found in enormous numbers in smears from the organs. The bacilli obtained in pure culture from the suspected rat, and from the inoculated animals, respond to the usual morphological and cultural tests of *Bacillus pestis*. This case has been entered upon our records as plague rat No. 21.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*Sacramento*.—Month of August, 1908. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 47, including tuberculosis 5, scarlet fever 1, enteric fever 1, and diphtheria 4. Cases: Diphtheria 7, measles 1, smallpox 2.

CONNECTICUT—*Stamford*.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 22,000. Number of deaths not reported. Cases: Diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 6, enteric fever 2, measles 8.

FLORIDA.—Reports from the State board of health for the week ended September 26, 1908, show as follows: Enteric fever—*Jacksonville*, 9 cases; *Tampa*, 2 cases; *West Palm Beach*, *Quincy*, and *Daytona*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville*, *Apalachicola*, *Live Oak*, and *Tampa*, each 1 case. Diphtheria—*Jacksonville*, *West Tampa*, *Tallahassee*, each 1, and *Montbrook*, 3 cases.

*Pensacola*.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 36, including 2 from enteric fever, 4 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases not reported.

ILLINOIS—*Jacksonville*.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 17,500. Total number of deaths, 23.